(2) Restructuring the display in the existing museum;

(3) Providing visitor facility amenities including installation of mechanised security systems;

(4) Restoration and preservation of the northern wall;

(5) Restoration of missing inlay pieces;

(6) Structural repairs to the monuments in the Taj Complex;

(7) Developing the gardens at Taj Mahal;

Out of the above, visitor facility centres and installation of security systems and repairs to the main entrance gate have been earmarked for execution in the 1st phase.

Reduction of taxes in hotel and tourism industry

85. SHRI BHAGAT RAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pravasi Bharatiya Divas celebration, a NRI Conference held in January,2003 have urged Government to reduce high taxes in hotel and tourism industry;

(b) if so, the complete details of suggestions made by the above Conference; and

(c) what is Government's reaction to these suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. At the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Celebrations held in January, 2003 it was recommended that there should be a reduction of taxes on tourism by Central and State Governments.

(c) The issue of rationalization of taxes has been taken up with the State Governments/concerned Ministries and at various forums including at the State Tourism Ministers Conference.